

once." My piety and inclination induced me to consent, and thus we were doomed to spend the whole day there—and a very agreeable one it was. Mr. W. Johnston⁴ having lately come to reside at his place at Little River, about three miles distant, Mr. Bennehan sent for him, and we had a happy day in company with them and Mrs. Bennehan, whose amiableness of temper is extremely engaging. Her life must be a very dull one. She has not a single woman she can associate with nearer than Hillsborough, which is at the distance of 18 miles. This is a circumstance she must feel very sensibly, and cannot be sufficiently compensated even by the great worthiness of her husband. The next morning, when your brother told her he would endeavor to bring Mrs. Johnston to see her, she could scarcely speak; tears flowed into her eyes, and it was with difficulty she could express the great pleasure it would give her, and ask me if I could not make her happy in your company also. 13th.—We went from here in company with Mr. Johnston and Mr. Bennehan to the former's house to breakfast, which is at the place where my cousin Ben McCulloh and myself happened fortunately to be at the time of the great disturbance at Hillsborough.⁵ We arrived at Hillsborough about one, found a most elegant tavern, dined with great satisfaction, and proceeded in the evening to a place about 10 miles further. Hillsborough rather exceeded my expectations; it is far from being a disagreeable town, as to appearance, and there is a remarkable handsome church in it.⁶ Your brother and myself, before we came away, engaged a good room with two beds in it, for our use during the Court. It would be uninteresting and tedious to give you particulars of our march from Hillsborough to Salisbury. It was far the most disagreeable part of the journey. The country itself is not so pleasant, though there is a great deal of good land in it, the accommodations wretched, and we were forced to travel in very bad weather. Your brother asked the woman of a very dirty Dutch house if there were any brooms in that part of the country. We, however, arrived here the evening of the court day. Mr. Spencer had been here a little before me, and we had the great pleasure of meeting with Mr. Hooper and Mr. Maclaine, with whom we board in the same house, and though in a tavern, have perfectly the command of a select company. I have been two or three nights at Mr. Frohock's, and we have all dined there. They are all very well, and seemed glad to see me. Mr. Frohock's obstinacy of conduct places me, however, in a very awkward and painful situation, and has prevented my going to his house so cordially and happily as I should otherwise